REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is to clarify portions of the Application, including the Specification and Claims, to add a new claim, to add a replacement Abstract of the Disclosure, and to amend the Drawings. Also included are a Substitute Specification, a marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification showing the changes made and an Englishtranslation of the International Application. No new matter has been added.

The Application is now in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (41034/44881).

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